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fastener for holding said ring securely on said baby bottle, an elongated flat neck extension member extending from said gripping means, and a visually stimulating ornament having a flat head shape generally round in shape with clear edges on a distal free end of said extension member, said gripping means, extension member and ornament being integral and fabricated out of the same kind of material; and

b) positioning said split ring on said baby bottle so that said ornament is about 7 to about 10 inches from the eyes of said baby.

REMARKS

The undersigned acknowledges the courteous treatment received during the course of an interview held with the Examiner on Aug. 21, 1998.

Claims 13-19 were rejected as being indefinite. This has been corrected by eliminating the offensive language.

Claims 1-22 were rejected as being unpatentable over Benzakarya which discloses a baby bottle holder which utilizes a heavy base with a pair of articulated arms and molded sleeve to hold the bottle for the baby.

The present invention involves a split ring supporting an ornament for attracting the eyes of the baby for training purposes. Both the purpose and structure of the present invention are totally different from the teachings of the reference.

In order to distinguish the present invention from the

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cited reference, claim 1 has been extensively amended, claims 2-6, 9 and 12-22 have been canceled, and a new method claim 23 has been substituted for the canceled claims.

Claim 1 as amended is very specific to the details of the structure and the location of the ornament with respect to the eyes of the infant. It is believed that since Benzakarya does not teach or suggest these features, and in fact the patented device is for a totally different purpose, claim 1 as amended clearly distinguishes over this reference.

As the Examiner correctly pointed out, Benzakarya has a bottle holding device, purely and simply, and is not a training device. To have this feature as a specific claimed feature of this invention, a new claim 23 drawn to the method has been substituted for the canceled claims. This claim includes all of the structure of claim 1 plus recites a two step method, mounting the ornament on the bottle and adjusting its position to a certain distance from the eyes of the infant. It is believed that the new claim also clearly distinguishes over the art of record.

During the interview, the Examiner made certain suggestions, all of which have been adopted including that the drawings be modified to show the hook and loop piles, claim 1 should recite that the trainer is supported by the bottle, and in claim 23 that the method is directed toward helping keep the eyes of the infant focused to prevent the

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eyes becoming crossed while bottle feeding.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Examiner with regard to the drawings, accompanying this amendment is a copy of Fig. 2 showing proposed changes in red. Upon approval of the Examiner, a new formal sheet showing Fig. 2 with these changes will be submitted. The specification is being amended to refer to these changes.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is urged to call the principal attorney of record or the undersigned in the event something further must be done to obtain allowance of this application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted.



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